

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Average

Number of districts with students like ours: 4.

The absolute ratings for those districts ranged from good to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from average to average.

Definitions of District Rating Terms

Excellent- District performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

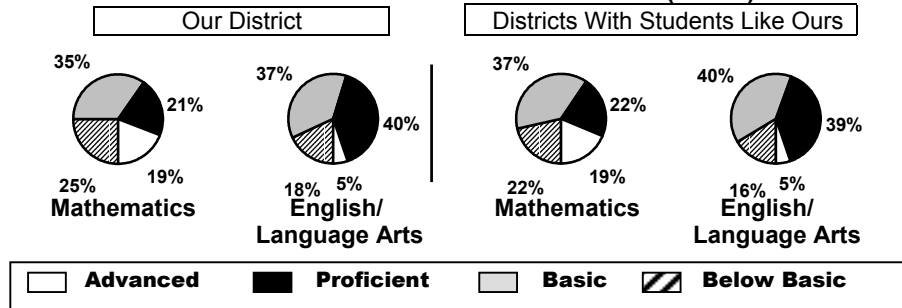
Good- District performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average- District performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average- District is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory- District performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Percent of Seniors Passing the Exit Exam	Percent of Seniors Qualifying for LIFE Scholarships	Percent of Students Scoring Basic or Above on the PACT	
			ELA	Math
All Students	94.4%	33.2%	82%	75.1%
Students with disabilities other than Speech	71.4%	3.3%	36.3%	30.6%
Students without disabilities	94.7%	35.1%	85.2%	78.1%
Gender				
Male	92.9%	31.3%	78.4%	73.4%
Female	95.0%	35.2%	86.3%	77.3%
Ethnic Group				
African-American	89.4%	15.1%	73.5%	62.4%
Hispanic	91.7%	15.2%	75.5%	65.8%
White	97.9%	48.1%	92.2%	89.7%
Other	92.9%	58.8%	91.6%	88.5%
Lunch Status				
Free/ Reduced-Price Lunch	81.3%	5.4%	70.5%	59.9%
Pay for Lunch	95.1%	36.0%	88.1%	82.9%

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	First-time Examinees		
	1999	2000	2001
Our district			
Passed all 3 subtests	74.0%	72.9%	76.0%
Passed 2 subtests	14.6%	14.3%	13.9%
Passed 1 subtest	7.7%	8.9%	6.8%
Passed no subtest	3.7%	4.0%	3.3%
Districts with students like ours			
Passed all 3 subtests	77.4%	79.4%	79.8%
Passed 2 subtests	14.4%	12.3%	12.1%
Passed 1 subtest	5.9%	6.2%	6.0%
Passed no subtest	2.3%	2.3%	2.1%

LIFE scholarships at four-year institutions

	Eligible	Percent of Seniors Meeting Grade Point Average Requirement	Meeting SAT/ACT Requirement
Our District	33.2%	53.6%	35.7%
Districts Like Ours	29.0%	58.4%	31.7%

College Admissions Tests: Tests that are frequently used in the college admissions process.

	SAT Verbal		SAT Math		SAT Total		ACT English		ACT Math		ACT Reading		ACT Science		ACT Total	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
District	504	508	510	510	1014	1018	19.8	20.1	21.1	21.2	20.6	20.7	20.3	20.6	20.5	20.8
State	484	486	482	488	966	974	18.7	18.8	19.2	19.3	19.5	19.5	19.2	19.2	19.3	19.3
Nation	505	506	514	514	1019	1020	20.5	20.5	20.7	20.7	21.4	21.3	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.0

These tests were administered to samples of students:

Terra Nova Test: A national, norm-referenced achievement test.

Percent scoring in upper half

	Reading		Language		Math		Total	
	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Grade 4	47.8	50.0	43.1	50.0	58.4	50.0	50.5	50.0
Grade 7	45.8	50.0	59.4	50.0	54.7	50.0	53.9	50.0
Grade 10	59.6	50.0	59.5	50.0	62.4	50.0	59.1	50.0

National Assessment of Education Progress : A national, criterion-referenced achievement test.

Percents of Students

Test	Grade	Year	Advanced		Proficient		Basic		Below Basic	
			State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Reading	4	1998	4	6	18	23	33	32	45	39
Writing	8	1998	0	1	15	23	64	59	21	17
Mathematics	4	2000	2	3	16	23	42	43	40	31

DISTRICT PROFILE

INDICATORS OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE

	This District	Change from Last Year	Districts With Students Like Ours	Median District
DISTRICT				
• Dollars per student	\$6,746	N/A	\$6,439	\$6,464
• Prime instructional time	90.7%	Down from 90.9%	89.9%	89.4%
• Student-teacher ratio	21.9 to 1	N/A	22.1 to 1	20.2 to 1
• Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0%	N/A	0%	0.6%
STUDENTS (n=16,969)				
• Advanced placement/ int'l baccalaureate program exam success ratio	60.3%	N/A	54.9%	43.8%
• Attendance Rate	96.7%	Up from 96.2%	95.9%	95.7%
• Taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	1.7%	N/A	1.9%	5.8%
• Taking PACT (Math) off grade level	1.4%	N/A	1.7%	4.5%
• Retention rate	4.1%	Up from 3.8%	4.1%	6.0%
TEACHERS (n=1,202)				
• Professional development days per teacher	8.2 Days	Up from 7.5	8 Days	7.8 Days
• Attendance rate	95%	Down from 96%	95.4%	95.2%
• Advanced Degrees	59.7%	Down from 61.1%	54.5%	44.4%
• Continuing contracts	83.6%	Down from 85.7%	84.2%	81.4%
• Out-of-field permits	1.1%	Up from 0.6%	1.5%	2.2%
• Teachers returning from the previous year	89.1%	Down from 90.9%	90.8%	89.5%
• Average salary	\$38,654	Up 4.7%	\$39,116	\$37,143

DISTRICT FACTS

DISTRICT				
• Annual dropout rate	2.8%	Up from 2.7%	2.6%	2.9%
• Percentage spent on teacher salaries	51.6%	N/A	52.1%	50.9%
• Superintendent's years in the district	7.5	N/A	5	3.5
• Parent conferences	84.1%	N/A	79.5%	81.0%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
• Number of schools	18	Down from 19	16	8
• Number of alternative schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of magnet schools	0	N/A	0	0
• Portable classrooms	14.7%	N/A	8.3%	6.5%
• Attendance rate of district office staff	97.9%	Up from 97.1%	97.7%	97.5%
• Average administrative salary	\$65,500	Up 4.5%	\$66,587	\$64,098
STUDENTS				
• Enrollment in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Percent of completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Suspensions and expulsions	111	N/A	125	100
• Percent eligible for state gifted and talented programs	26%	Up from 25.4%	20.7%	10.5%
• Percentage with disabilities other than speech	7.6%	Up from 7.5%	7.9%	10.5%

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Grades K-12

Enrollment: 16,969 Students

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Richland Two completed another exciting and successful year in 2000-01. The community responded to the growth needs of the district by overwhelmingly supporting a bond referendum that will build three new schools and provide additions at four existing schools. The district's Baldrige-based strategic and accountability plan was completed and approved by the State Department of Education and plans for each school were also approved. Many district schools, principals, and teachers were recognized for excellence in the past year. Rice Creek Elementary was named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education in its first year of eligibility, bringing the district number of Blue Ribbon schools to 13. North Springs Elementary was named a Palmetto's Finest School, the highest individual school honor in the state. Richland Two's Christa Compton was named one of four finalists for National Teacher of the Year after being named the 2000-01 S.C. Teacher of the Year. Dr. Sharon Buddin, principal at Ridge View High School, was named High School Principal of the year. Forty-six teachers in Richland Two, far more than any other district in S.C., earned National Board certification this year.

SAT scores increased by 10 points from 2000 to 2001. Scores on the PACT test increased in all grade levels in both English/Language Arts and Math from 1998-99 to 1999-00. This narrative was written prior to the release of the 2000-01 PACT scores. After careful review of our progress, strategies for continued improvement will be addressed in the coming year.

Richland Northeast High School won the AAAA SAT State Championship and the Model UN Team won its 12th consecutive international competition and Spring Valley's ROTC Drill Team won the VFW National Championship. Over the past two years, 11 Richland Two schools have earned Flagship Status in the American Schools of Promise program. The Anna Boyd Child Development Center was the first child development program to receive the S.C. Exemplary Writing Award. Our district orchestra performed at Carnegie Hall. We are also proud of our athletic programs as they continue to be competitive statewide as indicated by three state championships and numerous playoff appearances.

Once again, it has been an exciting and successful year in Richland Two and we look forward to providing your child "Excellence in Education."

Stephen W. Hefner

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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